

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 1527–1552; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 133–134, and H. Res. 169, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 168, providing for consideration of H.R. 743, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections (H. Rept. 108–54).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following:

**Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students (HEROES) Act:** H.R. 1412, to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to a war or other military operation or national emergency (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 421 yeas with 1 voting nay, Roll No. 96);

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**Business Checking Freedom Act:** H.R. 758, amended, to allow all businesses to make up to 24 transfers each month from interest-bearing transaction accounts to other transaction accounts, to require the payment of interest on reserves held for depository institutions at Federal reserve banks;

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**Coconino/Tonto National Forest Land Exchange:** H.R. 622, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, H.R. 762, Reasonable Right-of-Way Fees Act;

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**Reasonable Right-of-Way Fees:** H.R. 762, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Mineral Leasing Act to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of certain rights-of-way granted, issued, or renewed under these Acts;

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**Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Boundary Adjustments:** H.R. 289, amended, to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wild-

life Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge; and

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**Support for the Display of the Blue Star Banner and the Gold Star:** H. Con. Res. 109, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Blue Star Banner and the Gold Star (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 97). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Blue Star Flag and the Gold Star.”

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**Budget Resolution Conference:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013 and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees: Chairman Nussle and Representatives Shays and Spratt.

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By a recorded vote of 399 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 95, agreed to the Spratt motion to instruct conferees to (1) eliminate the reconciliation instruction to the Committees on Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs, and Ways and Means contained in section 201(b) of the House resolution; (2) recede to the Senate on section 319 (entitled “Reserve Fund to Strengthen Social Security”) of the Senate amendment; and (3) adjust the revenue levels by the amounts needed to offset the cost of the instructions set forth in (1) and (2), without resulting in any increase in the deficit or reduction in surplus for any fiscal year covered by the resolution.

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**Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act—Order of Business:** Agreed that it be in order at any time for the Speaker to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of H.R. 735, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived and general debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour. It shall be order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Government Reform now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–49). No other amendment shall

be in order except for amendment No. 1 by Representative Waxman and amendment No. 2 by Representative Tom Davis of Virginia printed in the Congressional Record. All points of order against the amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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**Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act—Order of Business:** Agreed that it be in order at any time for the Speaker to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of H.R. 522, to reform the Federal deposit insurance system. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived and general debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour. It shall be order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–50). No other amendment shall be in order except for amendment No. 1 by Representative Ose and amendment No. 2 by Representative Rohrabacher printed in the Congressional Record. All points of order against the amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H2517.

**Referrals:** S. 318 was referred to the Committee on Small Business.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed appear on page H2587.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2552–53,

H2553–54, and H2554. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2003.

### TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Cost Controls and Cost Drivers in Federal Transit Investments-Panel. Testimony was heard from Jenna Dorn Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Thomas E. Margro, General Manager, Bay Area Rapid Transit, San Francisco, California; and Frank Krusi, President, Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago, Illinois.

### DOD ACQUISITION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on all major Department of Defense acquisition programs, and review the Department's plans for acquisition reform and future acquisition programs. Testimony was heard from E.C. "Pete" Aldridge, Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request for the Special Operations Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Marshall Billingslea, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict; and Harry E. Schulte, Acquisition Executive, U.S. Special Operations Command.

### U.S. AIR FORCE REPORT—SEXUAL ASSAULT AT THE ACADEMY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on the U.S. Air Force report on sexual assault at the academy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the